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1. AT SPECIAL AFTERNOON SESSION ON NAC ON JUNE 12, U.K. CHARGE LOGAN REPORTED THAT THE EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REPRESENTED IN NATO HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE REFERENCE TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. LOGAN THEN READ OUT THE FOLLOWING TEXT: "IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITY, WHICH THE MBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE, SHOULD IN DUE COURSE HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE." OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EIGHT CONFIRMED THAT THIS TEXT WAS NOW AGREED. LOGAN STATED THAT CALLAGHAN HAD AGREED TO THE TEXT RELUCTANTLY, IN EFFORT TO PRODUCE AN AGREED DECLARATION BEFORE THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL MEETING. LOGAN ADDED THAT CALLAGHAN HOPED THE TEXT WOULD ALSO MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. SEVERAL NON-EC DELEGATIONS THEN EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE AGREEMENT. RUMSFELD SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO BE GUIDED BY THE CONSENSUS AND HE WAS PLEASED THAT A CONSENSUS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

2. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO PARAGRAPH 11 IN WHICH SECOND SENTENCE
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REMAINS SOLE POINT AT ISSUE. IN DISCUSSING LATTER, RUMSFELD DREW ON HELPFUL AND TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF B. DUTCH CHARGE BUWALDS STATED THAT IN VIEW OF U.S. POSITION, DUTCH SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED SECOND SENTENCE AS READ OUT BY RUMSFELD. U.K.

CHARGE LOGAN SAID THAT HE ALSO SUPPORTED THAT VERSION. A/SYG PANSA AND BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT COULD NOW BE REACHED ON THIS SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 11. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE, WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR U.S. STATEMENT, SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH AGAIN WITH HIS AUTHORITIES AND THAT HE HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS, REITERATED BY PARIS, TO MAINTAIN THE WORDS "INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE" AND TO DELETE THE PHRASE "USING ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS."

3. LENGTHY DISCUSSION THEN ENSUED IN WHICH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS URGED PROMPT AGREEMENT. DE ROSE COMMENTED THAT THE MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED BY THE MINISTERS IN OTTAWA. DE STAERCKE AND RUMSFELD COUNTERED THAT LEAVING BRACKETEED DISAGREEMENTS IN THE DECLARATION COULD LEAD TO PRESS COMMENTARY ABOUT DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, WHICH WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE AND CONTRARY TO THE PURPOSES OF THE DECLARATION. SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE THEN MADE BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS TO FIND SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED. SYNTHESIZING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES, DE STAERCKE PROPOSED REVISING LATTER PART OF SECOND SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH 11, AS FOLLOWS: "...THEY WILL KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED AND STRENGTHEN WITH ALL THE APPROPRIATE MEANS THE PRACTICE OF FRANK AND TIMELY CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR COMMON INTERESTS AS ALLIES, BEARING IN MIND, ETC." DE ROSE SAID THAT HE WOULD REFER THIS PROPOSAL TO PARIS.

4. COMMENT: BEFORE THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, FRENCH DCM CARRAUD TOLD US THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE "COMMON INTERESTS" PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED BY A CANADIAN SUGGESTION OF ADDING THE WORDS "AS MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE" AFTER "COMMON INTERESTS." FOLLOWING THE MEETING, CARRAUD SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A "GOOD CHANCE" THAT PARIS COULD ACCEPT THE FORMULA MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. HOWEVER, CARRAUD HAS ALSO SAID THAT THE POSITION OF THE QUAI HAD HARDENED DURING THE DAY IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE "INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE" FORMULA, FEARING THAT THE "COMMON INTERESTS" FORMULA WOULD ENTAIL TOO MUCH "GLOBALIZATION."

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5. MISSION DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT FRENCH MIGHT WANT TO CARRY BRACKETTED LANGUAGE INTO THE MINISTERIAL. OUR IMPRESSION IS, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE CLOSE TO AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS AND THAT DE ROSE AT LEAST IS AWARE OF RISKS OF LEAVING MATTERS UNRESOLVED UNTIL OTTAWA. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER FEELING TOMORROW FOR THE FRENCH POSITION AND FOR HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

6. THE COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN TOMORROW AT 6:00 P.M., BRUSSELS TIME, BUT I WILL NEED INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MORNING FOR NEEDED CORRIDOR WORK IN ADVANCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING INSTRUCTIONS WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY, WITHIN THE GENERAL PARAMETERS OF THE LANGUAGE DISCUSSED ABOVE, IN ORDER TO PLAY PART IN DEVELOPING THE CONSENSUS WHICH WE HOPE WILL EMERGE DURING THE

COURSE OF THE DAY. END COMMENT.

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